

AFAFD Standard Operating Procedure 8

Standpipe Operations

- Responses to buildings with a **single** Fire Department Connection (FDC) and a *known* fire location:
 - The first-in engine company will position their vehicle for a fire attack and, if possible, in a position to connect to the FDC, if needed.
 - The second-in engine company is responsible for connecting to the FDC.
- Responses to buildings with **multiple** FDCs and a known fire location:
 - The company officer or driver will notify COMMAND when the FDC is being fully supported.
- On responses without a fire location, engine companies will standby and **not commit to a FDC**. Companies will advance into the building with hose packs for size-up.
- **General requirements:**
 - The first two arriving engine companies will connect to separate FDCs. Crews will advance into the building with at least one high rise hose pack per company. The two companies will use separate stairwells to enter the building for size-up, search, ventilation and suppression.
 - Only fire department carried hose and nozzles will be utilized.
 - The second engine company will, when necessary, be responsible for water supply and will charge the FDC when visible smoke or flame have been reported.
 - Placement of standpipe lines into service will have a direct effect on fire loss and fire fighter safety. Standpipe lines should be connected, charged and cleared in the stairwell or from behind a fire door (when possible) **before entering a fire area**.
 - In heavy fire conditions, the second arriving engine will advance **a minimum of one 2 1/2" working line** to the fire area from the standpipe or the engine.